

# Eddyline

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KNIK CANOERS AND KAYAKERS

## APRIL 16 SAFETY MEETING APRIL 23 GENERAL MEETING Back at Loussac Librarv!!!!

**Tony Turrini** is an attorney with National Wildlife Federation and a director on the board of the Alaska Wilderness Recreation & Tourism Association. Tony is coordinating a regional group of land managers, communities, businesses, and other stakeholders who are exploring the concept of a water trail connecting the remote communities of Prince William Sound. A principal goal of the project is to increase recreation opportunities for residents and visitors to the state while protecting sensitive environmental, cultural, and historic sites. Come hear Tony's ideas. He indicated a willingness to answer questions.

**Kelly Tjaden** will put on a presentation that was presented to the West Coast Sea Kayaking Symposium recently about sea kayaking in South Central Alaska using Whittier, Chenega, Seward, and Homer as launching communities.

### Classes This Year

In the past, KCK has been able to enlist the help and generosity of many volunteers to teach classes. This year, we have been unable to enlist volunteers to teach either the Inflatable Kayaking class or the Sea Kayaking classes. However, there will be independent commercial vendors, **not associated with or sponsored by KCK, at the Safety Fair to sign interested people up for their classes.** The vendors have indicated they will provide significant discounts to KCK members.

- Sea Kayaking classes will be offered by Alaska Kayak Academy (Classes in Whittier and/or Seward) and Alaska Kayak School (classes in Homer).
- Inflatable Kayaking will be offered by Alaska Kayak Academy (Classes in Whittier and/or Seward)
- Canoe, Rafting and PacRaft classes are being sponsored by KCK through the generous volunteering of people.

### 2009 Calendar

#### APR 2009

5..... KCK Board Meeting 6:30PM  
..... BP Energy Center

16      Class signups @ 6PM, Safety Meeting, 7:00PM, **Loussac Library**

23      General Membership Meeting, 7:00PM, **Loussac Library**

#### MAY 2009

7..... KCK Board Meeting 6:30PM  
..... BP Energy Center

21      General Membership Meeting, 7:00PM, **ChangePoint Church**

### Learn CPR FREE in 40 minutes.

Alaska Regional is holding a Mass CPR Training class. The classes will take place every hour on the hour from 9AM-3PM at the UAA Commons off Elmore St. No pre registration is required. The class provides the basics of CPR. Everyone trained will receive an instructional kit and DVD to share.

### This class is not associated with or sponsored by KCK.

This is being published as a public service announcement. Learn how to save a life!!!

### Summary of KCK 4/2/09 Board Meeting

-Board members present were Eric Downey, Marvin Copley, Jim Davis, Kathy L, and Keith Hawkings (Luci Davis delegate). Non Board member attendees: Richard Sepersky and Alden Worachek.

- **The Trip Planning Meeting on May 21 and it will be held at the Change Point Church 7PM.**

- The Board Meeting primarily addressed issues associated with the upcoming Safety Meeting and classes that will be held. The Board decided to sponsor classes in rafting, canoeing and packrafting for 2009. Commercial vendors will be at the Safety Meeting to sign up those interested in Sea Kayaking and Inflatable Kayaking due to the inability of the club to attract volunteers willing to hold the classes. The commercial vendors indicated a willingness to offer a substantial discount to KCK members. The Sea Kayaking and Inflatable Kayaking classes will NOT be sponsored by the KCK.

-With the loss of revenue from some of the classes, the Board discussed the importance of the need for people taking advantage of the club activities to renew or become members. A discussion was held whether to issue membership cards to allow vendors to insure those requesting KCK discounts are actually members. The budget will be reviewed again.

### IMPOSSIBLE!!!!!!!!!!

I know it is hard, almost impossible to believe, but the KCK actually has an opening for a Board Member. If you would like to consider becoming a Board member, let any Board member know.

## EDDYLINE

**Knik Canoers and Kayakers** is an Anchorage-based non-profit volunteer organization with members throughout Alaska and beyond. The club offers information, classes, programs and trips for whitewater and sea kayakers, rafters, packrafters, and canoeists. The club also promotes and represents the interests of paddle sports in Alaska. NOTE: Some classes are offered by commercial vendors and NOT offered by the KCK.

#### Eddyline article submissions:

Stories may be submitted to the Eddyline editor: Richard Sepersky at [akrichard@gci.net](mailto:akrichard@gci.net)

#### Display advertising:

Contact Richard Sepersky

**New Member?** Sign up for the Eddylist list server

<http://kck.org/listserver.html> . This is where members share ideas, people ask for partners to go on trips, and where people ask for advice and information. It is a great online communications device.

[www.kck.org](http://www.kck.org) Also check out [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KCK\\_Alaska/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KCK_Alaska/)

This site has a list of historical emails and other useful information.

#### Board and Contacts:

**President:** Eric Downey

**VP:** Kathy Luchsinger

**Treasurer:** Sharon Lowe

**Secretary:** Luci Davis

#### Other Board members:

- Jim Davis  
- Marv Copley

#### Program Coordinator:

Eric Downey (Info above)

#### Webmaster:

Marv Copley (Info above)

#### Non Board Contacts

##### Membership:

Charlene Carter

##### Eddyline Editor:

Richard Sepersky

##### Checkwriter:

### Classes are being organized!!!!

### Lots of Thanks to the 2009 Class Volunteer Instructors!!

-Basic canoeing, **Rich Crain**

-Rafting, **Eric Downey**

-Packrafting, **Jon Evingson**

Additional information will be in next months newsletter. ALSO look for the latest information on the [kck.org](http://kck.org) website

#### To Class Participants:

-Signup will be before the Safety Class that will be at Loussac Library on April 16 starting at 6PM. (Some classes fill up).

-You MUST be at the Safety Meeting to take the class unless the instructor waives you.

-You MUST be a KCK member to take a KCK sponsored class.

### Commercial Classes available at Safety Meeting (not sponsored or associated with KCK)

-Inflatible Kayak, **Jim Gonski**

-Sea Kayaking (Whittier or Seward), **Jim Gonski**

-Sea Kayaking (Homer), **Tom Pogson**

**Alaska Kayak School Pool Kayaking Skills courses** @ Homer, SoHi & Service pools Nov-Apr each winter. **Sea Kayaking Skills courses** & instructional trips in Whittier, Soldotna, Homer, & Seward: May-Sept. **Sea skills courses** @ Halibut Cove 3 weekends May, 2009. **Kayaking Skills Symposium May 21-26 in Homer**, with guest Sean Morely. **Skills training & certification** of personal sea skills & ocean guiding skills by certified instructors: American Canoe Association & British Canoe Union. **Kayak & gear sales:** Valley, Nigel Dennis, Prijon, Liquidlogic, Kokatat, Palm, Werner, Lendal, etc. Use only the best gear for your learning, safety & fun. **AlaskaKayakSchool.com, Homer (907) 235-2090** (Paid Advertisement)

**NOTE: The new Packraft Class now has openings !!!!!**

**Schedule:**

- Safety Meeting: Loussac Library 4/16 7PM
- 6/3 Goose Lake
- 6/6 Campbell Creek
- Cost \$100 + gear rental if needed (ask instructor)

**The listserve (now called Eddylist) is up again.** If you have NOT received an email you may have to sign up again. Go to <http://kck.org/listserver.html>  
To send a message to Eddylist: [eddylist@list.kck.org](mailto:eddylist@list.kck.org)

**Raft Class Schedule**

- Safety Meeting: Loussac Library 4/16 7PM
- 5/11 Lecture
- 5/13 Lecture
- 5/16-17 Matanuska River

Cost \$100 + gear rental if needed (which you have to arrange yourself. Discuss options with instructor).

**Thanks to the many sponsors of the Safety Fair who donated and /or discounted the many door prizes and/or purchased advertising :**

Across the Bay Tent & Breakfast, Alaska Kayak Academy, Alaska Kayak School, Alaska Raft & Kayak, Backcountry Safaris, Charlene Carter Dynamic Properties, Denali Raft Adventures, Eagle Enterprises, Movement Options, Red Barn Trading, Pal Photography

It's that time of year again! **Membership Renewal Time!** The Newsletter is the last one you will receive if you are not a current member.

Advantages of membership include:

- This Pulitzer Prize winning newsletter
- Summer BBQs (Free Food!!)
- The chance to take classes and learn new stuff
- Annual Member list (NOT on website)
- Interesting presentations
- Safety Meeting
- Club sponsored trips
- Door prizes
- Holiday Potluck at Thanksgiving
- Website
- List Server
- Discounts many outfitters, instructors and cabins
- Safety Reminders
- Trip Planning
- Opportunity to meet others!
- A chance to volunteer or join the Board
- A chance to volunteer to help out classes
- The chance to feel good about helping pay for all this!

**KCK Safety Class Loussac Library  
Thursday April 16. Class registration at 6:00,  
Safety Fair (Fair is FREE to all) at 7:00.**

- 6:00: Class registration opens.
- 6:55: Class registration closes.
- 7:00 - 7:10 Introduction to KCK, door prize drawing, by Keith Hawkings.
- 7:10 - 7:40: Trip Planning: Organizing the right trip is the key to safety, by Jim Strutz.
- 7:40 - 8:00: Cold Water Immersion & Hypothermia, by Megan Piersma, AK Div. of Boating Safety.
- 8:00 - 8:10: Break.
- 8:10 - 8:20: Paddling clothing.
- 8:20 - 8:45: Boating hazards in rivers, oceans and lakes, by Jim Gonski
- 8:45 Door prizes & close down. Last minute Class signups.

**Updates to class information can be found at [www.kck.org](http://www.kck.org)**

**Thanks to all the volunteers at the Safety Meeting!!!**

**Knik Canoers & Kayakers**  
**P.O. Box 242861**  
**Anchorage, Alaska 99524-2861**

<b>4-09 Membership application</b>		BOATING INTERESTS Indicate skill level w = Want to start, B = Beginner, I = Intermediate, A= Advanced					
		Canoeing	WW Canoeing	Rafting	WW Rafting	Sea Kayaking	WW Kayaking
Name #1							
Name #2							
Name #3							
Name #4							
MEMBERSHIP TYPE: ____ Individual (\$10) ____ Household (\$15) Renewal New Member		<p><b>WAIVER OF LIABILITY:</b> In consideration of your acceptance of my membership application, I, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, forever waive, release and discharge any and all rights, demands, and claims for damages I may have against Knik Canoers &amp; Kayakers, Inc., its representatives, officers, members, board members, sponsors or outing leaders for any and all injuries resulting from my participation in any of the activities of the Knik Canoers &amp; Kayakers, Inc. That I freely and voluntarily assume all risks as incident to participation in any of the club activities and that I will assume and pay for my own medical and emergency expenses in the event of an accident, illness or other incapacity regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses. I alone shall be responsible for the use of my own judgment in determining whether I should participate in club activities.</p> <p>Signed            Person 1.....Date:.....            Signed            Person 2.....Date:.....            Signed            Person 3.....Date:.....            Signed            Person 4 .....Date:.....</p>					
____ Check if interested in participating in group trips							
Mailing Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____							
____ Check if you <b>do not want</b> your name/phone in annual KCK directory:							
<b>VOLUNTEER INTERESTS</b> Please check areas where you would like to assist KCK: ____ Help with anything                      ____ Membership database ____ Lead trips ____ Meeting presentation <b>Eddyline newsletter</b> ____ Instruction                                      ____ Help with mailings ____ Safety clinics                                      ____ Write stories/articles							
<b>Mail Form and dues to: Knik Canoers &amp; Kayakers</b> <b>P.O. Box 242861</b> <b>Anchorage, Alaska 99524-2861</b>		<b>IMPORTANT:</b> Each adult applicant must sign application. A parent/guardian <u>must also sign for each</u> minor. Applications missing any signatures will not be accepted.					